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Proposed Draft Terms of Reference
 Watch Committee of the IAC
 (Revised)

Recognizing the implications of a surprise attack on the United States or areas of vital interest to its security and conceding the capability of the enemy to select the time, place and method of attack, it is agreed that the mission of the Watch Committee constitutes the most important responsibility of the intelligence community. This function will therefore be recognized as one which transcends all other intelligence efforts. The resources and capabilities of each of the IAC agencies will be devoted without reservation to achieve success in providing maximum warning.

- A. Name Watch Committee of the IAC
- B. Mission*

To provide earliest possible warning to the United States Government of military or paramilitary action by the USSR, or its allies, which endangers the security of the United States.

C. Functions

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to develop and operate on a current and continuing basis an Intelligence Plan for the levying upon IAC members of the intelligence requirements necessary to provide the desired degree of advance warning and for recommending the collection priorities of these requirements.

2. to analyze and evaluate information and intelligence, both current and cumulative, on an all-source basis, furnished by the IAC Agencies, and to develop therefrom the conclusions as to:

a. Soviet/Communist intentions to initiate hostilities against

1. The Continental United States

2. vital U.S. possessions, areas peripheral to the Soviet orbit, and Western Europe

*The Mission of the Watch Committee shall not be construed as limiting, precluding, or obviating the intelligence activities of the IAC or any organization thereof.

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- b. Soviet/Communist intentions to create or exploit a condition which may adversely affect the security of the U.S.
 - c. the development of any other situation whether or not Soviet/Communist inspired which jeopardizes the security interests of the U.S. through hostile action as defined by the IAC or the NSC.
3. to disseminate on an all-source basis the significant indications and conclusions, in a timely manner either by written or oral report, as circumstances require.

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